ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An information storage medium according to an aspect of this invention comprises a rewritable area, the rewritable area comprises a user area to store user

5   data, and a defect management area to store defect management information used to manage defective areas on the rewritable area, the defect management area comprises first and second defect management reserved areas, the first defect management reserved area being

10   used to store the defect management information in an initial state, and the second defect management reserved area being used to store the defect management information which is transited at a predetermined timing.